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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2471

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TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN APPREHENSIONS

REF: BEIRUT 3464

1. HAVE I MISSED REPORTING WHICH HAS RAISED QUESTIONS IN  
AMBASSADOR BROWN'S MIND ABOUT SYRIAN INTENTIONS TOWARDS THEIR  
ORIGINAL COMMITMENT TO THE CHRISTIANS?

2. A FEW WEEKS BACK, SYRIANS WERE TALKING PRIVATELY TO US AS  
WELL AS PUBLICLY IN CATEGORIC TERMS RE THEIR INTENTION TO SEE THAT  
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PALESTINIANS HONORED THE CAIRO AGREEMENT (DAMASCUS 1249. SINCE

THAT TIME, OVERALL POWER RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE LEBANON, AS WELL AS BETWEEN SYRIA AND LEBANON, HAVE SHIFTED. THIS HAS BEEN TO SOME DEGREE DUE TO USG DIPLOMACY WHICH SERVED TO INHIBIT SYRIA'S INSTINCT ONE MONTH AGO TO INTERVENE WITH A MAJOR MILITARY FORCE. OUR COUNSEL OF RESTRAINT MAY ONLY HAVE REINFORCED SYRIA'S OWN APPRECIATION OF THE RISK OF ISRAELI REACTIONS. BUT WHATEVER OUR INFLUENCE ON THE EQUATION, THE SYRIANS HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO RETURN TO THE LONGER AND MORE TORTUOUS ROAD OF NEGOTIATION THAN WAS THEIR OWN INSTINCT BEGINNING MARCH 23 AND ESPECIALLY AFTER THE CONFRONTATION THEY HAD HERE WITH JUMBLATT ON MARCH 27.

3. WHEN THE LEBANESE HAVE CARRIED THROUGH THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES OF ELECTING A NEW PRESIDENT, A PRINCIPLE WHICH ASAD HAS STEADILY SUPPORTED IN THE FACE OF LEFTIST LEBANESE AND SOME PALESTINIAN CRITICISM, THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO ASSURE SECURITY FOR LEBANON WILL REMAIN. I SUBMIT IT IS "NOT PROVEN" SYRIA HAS BROKEN FAITH WITH THE CHRISTIANS. IN FACT, THE SHOE MAY BE ON THE OTHER FOOT.

4. SUGGEST PASS ADDRESSEES STATE 94263 (BEIRUT REFTEL).  
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